





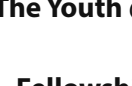







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Pastoral Perspective...

It is the middle of August...the day is cloudy and cool...and... if this wasn't Colorado, I could be convinced that summer is over! What a terrible thought! Just were did it go? I had so many things I wanted to accomplish this the summer...and... well...

Let's reminisce for a minute.

June was filled with many things:

- 1) Dan on sabbatical enjoying a time of reflection and a little time at Sky Ranch;
- 2) Brit's arrival, settling in, and Barbeque;
- 3) wonderful sermons by:
 - Pastor Bruce – where we were encouraged to rejoice in the good times, rest assured in Christ to stand firm in the not so good times, and not being fearful to be called a follower of Christ.
 - Pastor Michael reminded us that change is okay, God desires mercy, and we are to show mercy to one another.
 - Pastor Tyger—where she told of how a cup of cool water was appreciated by new found friends and that we each can bring a cup of cool water in the name of Christ;
- 4) Linda Thoman and Ben Mason gave their Faith Journeys and encouraged us to be mindful of those that helped us grow in our faith and to praise God for our journeys thus far;
- 5) weddings; and
- 6) a memorial service.

July heated up with similar adventures:

- 1) Dan continuing to enjoy a time of reflection even though he went to Blanding, Utah, with our Workcampers;
- 2) Brit was one of the 85 people from our congregation that

ventured to Blanding, Utah;

- 3) wonderful sermons from:

- Pastor Todd who told us of what God had done and how people responded in biblical times and how God's word gets through to people then and now.
- Pastor Bruce reminded us that our lives may be full of frustration and discouragement but relationship with God and one another allows us to live in confidence and excitement.

- 4) Julia Rosenstein and Terry Schemmel gave their Faith Journeys telling us once again of God's love and how we all are "spiritually" gifted and encouraged us to use those gifts for God's glory;
- 5) weddings;
- 6) memorial services;
- 7) two Longmont workcamps where 350 teens came to our town and worked on 51 different projects with 60 crews in two weeks; and
- 8) adults and youth from Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans that were passing through to a workcamp in Grand Junction stayed overnight at the church.

August, so far, has been a similar adventure:

- 1) Dan traveling to the Middle East for a time of remembrance and reflection – you will recall that he was on a "dig" in the "70's";
- 2) Brit with two major adventures - hosting David Frere from Belgium who will attend Fuller Seminary this fall and Brit's preparation for this fall (more later in this newsletter);
- 3) an exciting and uplifting visit from Pastor Keen from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Orleans;
- 4) wonderful sermons from:
 - Pastor Keen who just flat encouraged us to be active

participants in our relationship with God, in our church, and with one another

- Pastor Bruce who reaffirmed God's presence no matter the situation;
- 5) Diane Sell and Glenn Knipscheer encouraged us with their Faith Journeys telling of how God encouraged them, how it is all about God and not about us, and how things go better with God;
- 6) we received many "thank you's" from residents that benefited from the local Workcamps;
- 7) the "clean-up" of the various Longmont Workcamps projects is complete and there are several opportunities for continued ministry in our city; and
- 8) seven adults and 35 youth from Farmington Lutheran Church in Farmington, MN, spent the night at our church returning from a Workcamp in Grand Junction.

That is probably enough looking over the shoulder. The last time I checked you don't progress safely by staring in your rearview mirror! What's ahead? Dan will be back – thanks be to God! That thanks is not because I think we have fumbled the football. Rather, the thankfulness is that Dan was refreshed and reinvigorated for a very exciting fall!

We will be "beginning again" with a similar "looking" fall: Confirmation; Wednesday Night Live (WNL); Sunday school; celebrating all the things that fall brings (Reformation Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas) and preparing for 2009. However, it may look similar on the outside – I am certain that it will not be the same in the midst of things. It is always exciting to see what God has in store for us... opportunities to grow and better understand God's love, grace, and mercy! Pastorally, I really appreciate this congregation's heart. Over the summer, I came to once again appreciate our understanding of the "priesthood of all believers." Many of you have been Christ to other members of our congregation and visitors that have appeared either on a Saturday evening, on a Sunday morning, at a wedding, at a memorial service, or during the week. Both the groups that stayed with us over night commented on the beauty of our facilities... our buildings are a reflection of the love and care of Christ we each hold in our hearts for those that "cross" our paths. I am certain that God will continue to minister to and through each of us as we invite and allow God-Holy Spirit to be a part of our lives and use us to the glory of God.

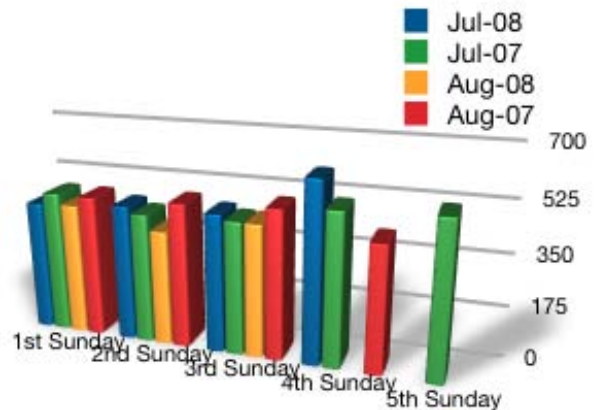
May God give you peace and joy –
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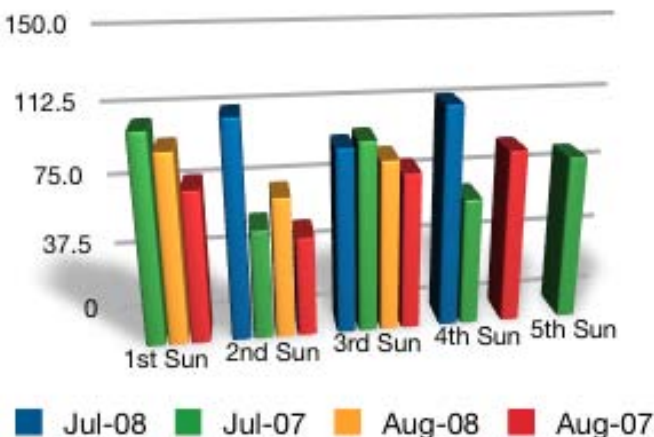
Worship Attendance

	<u>Jul-08</u>	<u>Jul-07</u>
1st Sunday	438	477
2nd Sunday	457	435
3rd Sunday	462	445
4th Sunday	602	511
5th Sunday		523

	<u>Aug-08</u>	<u>Aug-07</u>
1st Sunday	443	476
2nd Sunday	386	485
3rd Sunday	444	498
4th Sunday		424



Sunday School Attendance



	<u>Jul-08</u>	<u>Jul-07</u>
1st Sunday	No SS	108
2nd Sunday	113	57
3rd Sunday	96	99
4th Sunday	115	67
5th Sunday		86

	<u>Aug-08</u>	<u>Aug-07</u>
1st Sunday	98	79
2nd Sunday	73	52
3rd Sunday	89	82
4th Sunday		91

September Wedding Anniversaries



September 2

Harold & Ann Whitefoot – 52 yrs
Kirk & Pam Lind – 19 yrs

September 3

Bob & Nanette Goings – 25 yrs

September 7

Patrick & Evelyn Cordes – 30 yrs

September 8

Carl & Connie Backes – 41 yrs

September 9

Dan & Darlene Nehls – 47 yrs
Andy & Torey Taylor-Goldfarb – 19 yrs
Tim & Kari Uecker – 13 yrs

September 10

Matthew & Melissa Barcewski – 9 yrs

September 11

Curt & Lisa Lewis – 25 yrs

September 12

Leroy & Nadine Heidt – 54 yrs
Mike & Maria O'Brien – 16 yrs

September 13

Phil & Brenda Spreier – 11 yrs

September 16

Lee & Melanie Quaintance – 13 yrs

September 18

David & Mary Chase – 9 yrs
Tom Probst & Kim Edwards-Probst – 3yrs

September 20

Ed & Ethel Owens – 40 yrs
Paul & Natalie James – 5 yrs

September 21

Kerby & Jenean Wetterstrom – 17 yrs

September 22

Darryl & Tiffany Brown – 1 yr

September 23

Mark & Joan Flowers – 51 yrs

September 25

Christian & Anna Berg – 9 yrs
Gabe Vigil & Jamie Wallace-Vigil – 4 yrs

September 26

Matt & Cathi Brents – 9 yrs

September 29

George & Christine Goble – 18 yrs

September Birthdays

September 1

Chuck Cullian
Kathy Griffie
Samuel Tuominen-Collins

September 2

Henry Dukart
Connor Timms

September 3

Alice Cuba
Lanette Smallwood
Wendy Fott

September 4

Emily Johnson

September 5

Caroline Demosthenes
Molly Edmonds

September 6

Bob Barton
Keith Anderson
Tracy Ashmore

September 7

Julia Rosenstein

September 8

Mark Praska
Austin Jurgensmeyer
Wyatt Prentice
Nicole Dymmel

September 9

Mary Chase
Jessica Foster
Celine Cantu
Erin Griffie
Cooper Rothe
Abigail Koschade
Graham Schuman

September 11

George Goble
Michael Kleiman
Logan Audley
Zane Howes

September 12

John Timms

September 13

Harvey Jackson
Kimberly Bonds
Andrew Meier

September 14

Bob Mueller
Kristen Schuman
Trevor Platt
Emily Stamp

September 17

Cheryl Johnson
Erik Polsdofer

September 18

George Lubovich
Connor Irey

September 19

Ken Lowry
Yvonne Alm
Rebecca Lewus

September 20

Benjamin Graff
Mary Bauman
Forrest Wetterstrom
Brianna Kallas

September 21

Jack Hyder
Brigitte Hennig
Karsten Goderstad
Anthony Endres

September 22

Carol Marks
Gail Cullian
Christy Adams
Annette Carlson
Elise Ruegg
Rachel Kramer

September 23

Katherine Spencer
Inskeep

September 24

Sarah Mallard
Mike Gwinn
Dave Droege
Michelle Hansen

September 25

Jordan Smith

September 26

Audrey Audley
Wes Johnson
Rachael Hassa
Stephanie Schooler

September 27

Lois Ward
Jill Krantz
Jennifer Tatham
Adam Tway
Jasmine Lovell

September 28

Cindy Bauman
Harlan Lerum

September 29

Ann Yost
Mike Sloan

September 30

Lois Giese
Terri Cogdill
Carmin Neal



FCLC Christian Education News

Congratulations, Faith Community Lutheran Top Summer Readers!
Check out the photos below of some of the top readers delivering the 81 institutional-sized cans of fruits and vegetables to Meals on Wheels! Yay, for FCLC Library readers!



10,000 Steps-a-Day: Walking Program begins Sept. 14 **Register your team today!**



Beginning Sept. 14, and continuing through Nov. 15, the Health and Wellness Committee will be sponsoring a 10,000 Step A Day Team Walking Challenge. So, find four or five friends to be your teammates AND pick up an information packet on the bulletin board across the hall from the church office. Teams need to be registered by Sept. 10!

Confirmation Orientation for All Middle School Students AND Parents

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 6-7:15 pm
 Acolyte sign-up will also take place that evening, so bring your calendars!



Rally Sunday is coming! Jump into Sunday School for all ages. Sept. 7, 9:45-10:45 am

Kids, come and meet the "animals" and load them into the Ark before splashing into learning about Noah of the Bible!

Kids, please bring a pair of clean white socks (new or gently worn with no holes) with you when you come. We will be making Snuggle Socks for the injured and orphaned animals at Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center during the month of September.

- Preschool – 5th graders begin in the Sanctuary on Sept. 7, 9:45 am.
- Middle School begins in the Fellowship Hall.
- High School begins in the Youth Room downstairs.

(Don't forget to bring your Bible Bucks, as the Bible Bucks Store will be open that day, too, in Room 102!)

Adults! Three options of Adult Bible Classes offered just for you beginning on Rally Sunday and continuing through the Fall!

Option #1: Bible Class with Pastor Bruce *The Corinthian Correspondence for Today* A verse-by-verse study of I Corinthians, with emphasis on how this correspondence speaks directly to contemporary issues in the Church and in individual Christian lives. Meets in Sunrise Room 226.

Option #2: Bible study of the Epistle to the Hebrews

The study is being led by John Benson and involves specific passages every week with related questions, applications, and discussion in an informal, yet structured style. Feel free to drop in on this class and join in sharing faith and fellowship in a small group setting. Meets in room 232.

Option #3: Digging Deeper with Pastor Dan

Dig deeper with Pastor Dan into the Bible texts of the day. Enjoy the big Bible discussion with a small group dynamic. Meets in Sunset Room 230.

Christian Education Dates to Remember

September 3	6-7:15 pm	Confirmation Orientation
September 7	8:30 am	Installation of all Christian Education Volunteers
September 7	9:45-10:45 am	Rally Sunday (THEME: Noah)
September 14		Kick-Off of 10-Week Walking Challenge
September 10	6-7:20 pm	Confirmation/Wednesday Night Live
September 28	9:30-11 am	Blood Pressure Check
September 28	6-7:30 pm	Orientation to FCLC, Session #1

GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education: Nanette Goings, nanette@fclc.org
Christian Education Chairperson: Mary Konicek, marylarrykids@aol.com

Outreach News

September Yarn Drive

What better time to clean out your yarn scraps? FCLC Outreach is working with the Prayer Shawl Ministry to collect yarn for the September Yarn Drive. All yarn collected will be donated to the Holiday Giving Program and used to knit hats, mittens, and scarves for kids in need within the St. Vrain Valley. Please place your yarn in the bins in the "Outreach Corner" (SW corner of Narthex). If you have any questions, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)



Coming this Fall...

O.U.R. Center Lunch: Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 4 to help with preparing and serving a meal to over 100 people in need at the OUR Center. Please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net) if you can help.



FCLC Outreach is working to organize a Homeless Outreach Project to serve a meal to the homeless. The date is still to be determined so be sure to keep your eye on the bulletin for more information or contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net) if you're interested.

FCLC Outreach will be organizing a visit to the Sterling House Assisted Living Facility as a part of our continued Senior Outreach efforts to the community. If you are interested in Senior Outreach and/or volunteering, please contact Michelle Wynkoop (mkwynkoop@hotmail.com) or Stacia Keller (keller3813@msn.com)



Habitat for Humanity Lunch and Workday – Saturday, Sept. 20

We need A LOT of help (over 20 volunteers!) to make this project a success.

FCLC Outreach will be having a workday and providing lunch to the workers of Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Sept. 20. The current worksite is in their NEW location in NE Longmont in the Shadowgrass Park Development near 17th Avenue and County Line Road (1621 & 1625 Otis). They are currently working on their Thrivent home and they need a lot of Lutheran volunteer hours. More information can be found at Habitat's website: www.stvrainhfh.org.

→ **"Lunch" Volunteers:** We need 10+ people to pre-make the food (hearty soup, salad, bread, and dessert) as well as serve the meal from 11:15am until 1pm. If you're able to help with the lunch project, please contact Veta Hartman (hartmanv@comcast.net).

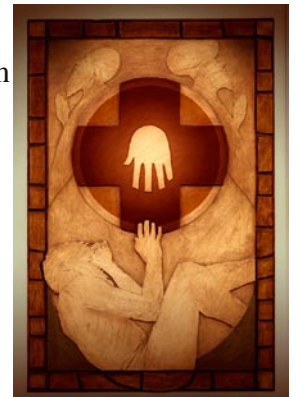


→ **"Workday" Volunteers:** We need 10-15 people to help with the building project from 8am-4pm. No experience is needed, as it is all on-the-job-training. If you're able to throw a hammer, come and join us! Please contact Curt Musfeldt (cmusfeld@qualcomm.com) if you can help.

Good Samaritan Fund

Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need.

It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc). Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it anytime (just designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund"). For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller susan@fclc.org.



Thanks

July's Annual School Supply Drive – A Huge Success!

A BIG Thank YOU goes out to the entire congregation for your generous support for the Lutheran Family Services Annual School Supply Drive in July. Along with collecting many school supplies, we also had \$490 donated towards purchasing backpacks and school supplies. With FCLC Outreach matching this donation, we were able to purchase 30 backpacks & gift cards along with supplies to fill these. These 30 "loaded" backpacks really made a difference in the lives of kids in the foster care system, who have just started school.

A special thank you also goes to Michelle Kramer, Mandy Wormke, Stephanie Demosthenes, and Heather Gomez for doing all the shopping, "stuffing," and delivering of the backpacks.



August's "S.O.S" Drive for Shoes Or Socks – Great Participation!

Another Thank YOU goes to the congregation for supporting the Shoe/Sock drive in August. These items are still being collected and an update will be given in next month's newsletter.

All shoes will be donated to the OUR Center's clothing bank and the socks will be donated to the homeless through HOPE. Also there



were many Crocs shoes collected. These used Crocs will be donated to Soles United where they recycle, regrind, remold and then donate to people in need all over the world. More information on this program can be found at www.solesunited.com

foothills of the Rockies WORKCAMP

Longmont's Workcamp – Prayers Answered! As many of you know, this summer FCLC was the co-sponsor of the "Foothills of the Rockies" Workcamp. This Workcamp brought 369 youth from around the US to Longmont for two week-long camps (July 20-26 and July 27-Aug. 2). The 60 crews of people worked on 51 houses in Longmont and the residents were very pleased with the work done on their homes. This Workcamp wouldn't have been successful without the time and dedication of the co-leaders: Marcie Mason and Bob Thoman. A BIG thank you goes out to them along with over 40 volunteers from FCLC who helped with the site writing, hospitality, delivery, etc. Also, thank you to those who lent out their ladders and well as those who helped clean up the hosting school, Longmont Christian School, on Aug. 8. Please continue your prayers for these residents so that they can see God through these young campers.

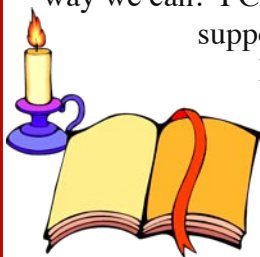


Seminary Scholarship Fund

Are you considering serving the Lord by going into the Seminary? We want to support you in any way we can! FCLC Outreach has a fund setup to support students attending Seminary.

Please contact the Outreach Committee outreach@fclc.org

if you're interested in the application process for tuition reimbursement.



FCLC MISSION PROJECT—GBONYEA, LIBERIA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In January, when we flew to Liberia, we carried with us the check for \$1,000, which the Outreach Committee made available to us, plus a check from us for \$1,000 for the work at the school in Liberia. We are sharing excerpts of a letter we received recently from Rev. Anthony Mulbah and his wife, Temah.

Greetings come to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are very happy that God was able to help and bless you to arrive in the United States after visiting us in Liberia... We are thankful to God also that all of us are fine.

At present, I am translating the book of Jeremiah. We hope by 2010, the translation of the Old Testament will be completed, giving the whole Bible into the hands of the Kpelle people in their own language.

Temah has completed planting our peanut/ground pea farm. She will be returning to Gbonyea [where the school is] to help my brother's wife and her own mother to plant their rice.

I visited Gbonyea and was there for three weeks. There is much progress on the Marfeleh Sumo Academy school building. The walls are all completed. I carried seven bags of cement. We used it to plaster the front, back, and the left-hand side walls. When Temah goes to Gbonyea, she will carry some cement for the inner and right-hand side walls along with the floor.

We have two major problems that are causing us delay in the way we have planned to carry out the works on the school in Gbonyea. The first problem is, most of the time cement cannot be found in the market. The second problem is the high cost of transportation fare.

The school is going on fine. Our principal is attending a three-month teacher training course... At the end he will be receiving a "C" Certificate in the Field of Education. The other three teachers are managing the school well. During my visit, they had regular classes and some Agriculture programs. The students, under the watchful eyes of the teachers, have planted some pineapple plants on the right-hand side of the school. They are planning to brush the bush surrounding the school to plant other crops. We hope to pay some men to do the brushing when the appropriate times come, since the children are not old enough to do that work.

The bigger children sometimes carry water when the builders are working. When I was there, they came with water and were eager to see the men plastering the walls. They were so excited. Some were feeling the wet cement on the walls and began to laugh. Then they began to talk about painting. One of them asked me what color of paint I will use on the walls. I told them that all of us will discuss what kind of paint we will use. That made them to jump up and clap their hands.

We would like you to please help us with a camera and a lap-top computer. Beside these, we would like for you to send anything you can lay your hands on. Bishop just told us that the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be sending a container to Liberia in November.

Thank you for the money received. It was used for teachers' pay, mason and carpenter pay for wall and roofing work, the principal, cement, transportation.

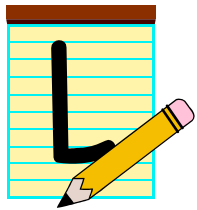
God richly bless us all in Jesus. Greetings to the people of Faith Community Lutheran Church.

Yours in Christ, Tehmah, Anthony, and the many children at the school

In response to the above request, we invite YOU to help meet some of these needs. In a recent communication, we learned that the school could use library books suitable for reading levels of K through Grade 3, pencils, washable colored markers for art, small Etch-a-Sketches, small match box cars and trucks (the children have no toys), and inflatable all-weather soccer balls. Or if you have a good condition laptop computer or a digital camera you can donate, it would be great!

We will drive these gifts to Pennsylvania near the end of September. You can put your donations in the box in the front entry marked Liberian School.

For questions, call Todd or Tyger Penson, 970-232-5945 or 720-878-1016.



ibrary News ...



THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW AT THE LIBRARY. This summer, scoops of ice cream practically flew onto the wall behind the library desk. The big cones soon filled up and towering stacks of frosty scoops began to melt all over the wall as readers earned credits for huge cans of fruits and veggies to be donated to the Meals on Wheels program in Longmont. Lucky readers who earned credits for BIG stacks of books were invited to visit Meals on Wheels to see how their gift will be used. In fact, they took so many cans to MOW that the gift overflowed the storage shelves there.

The results: Book credits earned and recorded on the library ice cream cones: **851!**

Cans of fruit and vegetables earned for MOW: **81!**

Number of participating readers, ages 3 to 'we-promised-not-to-tell': **98!**

... and more 'news' to read:

[Check the book trucks and library shelves for **DOZENS** more new items added Aug. 20]

YOUTH --

Money Matters for Teens. If you don't want others to keep spending all of your money for you, read this book.

Generation Change : roll up your sleeves and change the world, by Zach Hunter. Zach is a teenager who likes to listen to music and hang out with his friends, but he's also committed to ending modern day slavery and helping address other issues facing our world.

FAMILIES --

Mom's Trapped in the Minivan, by Cynthia Sumner. A survival guide for the middle years -- that six to eleven-year-old period when your child is socially and intellectually advancing at lightning pace.

Miles from the Sideline: A Mother's Journey with her Special Needs Daughter, by Maura Weis, wife of Charlie Weis, head football coach at the University of Notre Dame. A powerful and honest account of the challenges they faced.

FICTION --

Then Came Heaven: a novel, by La Vyrre Spencer. Can love survive a shattering loss? A grief-stricken widower learns to open his heart again and Sister Regina finds the strict rules of the Benedictines chafing at her more insistently.

Allison's Journey, by Wanda Brunstetter. The fourth in the Brides of Webster County series.

Washington's Lady: a novel, by Nancy Moser. Martha Custis dreams of a quiet life with her beloved George. But war is looming...

John 3:16: a novel, by Nancy Moser. Roman Paulson's wife died 13 years ago. Since then he has centered his life around his son Billy's abilities

with a football. Anything that threatens to keep Billy from becoming a star player must be avoided, even being 'caught by religion.'

NON-FICTION --

Three Cups of Tea: one man's mission to promote peace ... one school at a time, by Greg Mortenson. His remarkable humanitarian campaign in the Taliban's backyard.

Walking on a Rolling Deck: Life on the Ark, by Kathleen C. Berken. In 1999, Kathy Berken left Green Bay, Wisconsin, for her new home as a live-in assistant in a L'Arche community in Clinton, Iowa. She could never have predicted the storms that lay ahead.

CHILDREN --

The Blessing of the Lord, retold by Gary D. Schmidt. Stories from the Old Testament, true to the Biblical text -- Schmidt retells these stories from unexpected viewpoints, making them newly powerful.

I Will Not Be Afraid: a picture book. by Michelle Adams. Childhood fears are common, but they don't have to be a problem. This book helps 4- to 7-year olds face their fear with the confidence that God promises to be with them.

Dr. White, by Jane Goodall. A small white dog goes to the hospital to visit sick children and help them recover.

Molly the Pony: a true story, by Pam Kaster. A patient pony is rescued from a barn after Hurricane Katrina and taken to a farm with new animal friends. Attacked by a dog on the farm, Molly's front leg is severely injured. She gets a metal leg and bravely goes on to bring a smile to everyone she meets.

Stewardship Education

Susan Moller
Director of Business Administration

Last spring the stewardship committee began articles summarizing Mark Allan Powell's book, *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life*. We discussed the first three chapters: An Act of Worship; An Expression of Faith; and a Spiritual Discipline. I would like to continue this article with a synopsis of Chapter 4: Faithful Living.

Stewardship Is 100 Percent

Powell states that when we think about "financial stewardship," we must not be concerned exclusively or even primarily with that portion of our money that we give to the church or to other good causes. Giving to the church is but one part of a much bigger picture. All of our money is to be used in God-pleasing ways (p 80). He goes on to say that "faithful living in the area of financial stewardship entails at least four things: When we are faithful stewards, 1) we acquire our money in God-pleasing ways; 2) we regard our money in God-pleasing ways; 3) we manage our money in God-pleasing ways; and, 4) we spend our money in God-pleasing ways.

How We Acquire Money

One place to evaluate this topic is to look at how we earn our paycheck in the first place. Do we earn it with honesty and integrity? We are encouraged as Christians to acquire our money by doing useful and worthwhile activities that contribute to God's kingdom.

How We Regard Money

The Bible encourages us to take a positive attitude toward our possessions (p 86). They are gifts from God and something that we use, not love or serve. We as stewards are encouraged to view these material gifts with gratitude. Along with gratitude, we are not to be anxious, but trust God with regard to the basic necessities of life. "Do not worry about tomorrow (Matthew 6:34)." This trust also aids us in guarding our minds against greed (p 91).

God is generous and loving, and will do what is right for us (p 92).

How We Manage Money

First of all, money is to be used and not hoarded. The best example is in the parable of the rich fool that Jesus tells in Luke 12:15-21. Also, we not only don't want to hoard, but we are not to squander it either as the foolish boy did in Luke 15:12-16. We need to have a plan...indeed, a budget (p 94). "Faithful stewardship means altering our spending habits, developing a budget, and learning to invest and save our money wisely. It means seeking the counsel of trained financial advisors, and approaching all of our decisions about money management with prayerful consideration of what God would have us do" (p 95, 96).

How We Spend Money

As faithful stewards, we not only have a responsibility to God when spending, but also to other people, and indeed, to ourselves (p 96). When we recognize that God has entrusted us as stewards of what belongs to Him, we can be God-pleasing in our decisions on how to spend money. We then can be discerning when determining what is truly worthwhile and what is not.

Stewardship and the Church

"Stewardship is a matter of faithful living, of recognizing that all we are and all we have belongs to God and is to be given to God as an act of worship, as an expression of faith, and as a spiritual discipline through which we commit our hearts in love and praise. Such faithful living is a response to the gospel, a recognition of the good news that the rule of God has come near, that Jesus Christ is our Lord, and that the Holy Spirit will direct and guide us to be the people God wants us to be and to have the abundant, joyful lives that God wants us to have" (p 104).

Tests that can help . . .

Save Your Life!



Stroke is America's third leading killer. It is also the #1 cause for nursing home admissions. Unfortunately, half of all stroke victims have no warning signs before a stroke occurs.

We'll be in Your Neighborhood!

Where: Faith Community Lutheran Church
When: Friday, Oct. 3, 2008
Pre-Registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851

Life Line Screening is America's leading provider of quality health screenings. Ultrasound vascular tests quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disruptive blood flow. Plus, simple blood tests are offered that can help identify important risk factors for heart disease and diabetes. Screenings are fast, accurate and available at an affordable rate.

We provide these non-invasive, completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology.

1 Carotid Artery / Stroke Screening

(Screening time: 10 minutes)

Purpose: Visualizes the buildup of fatty plaque in the carotid arteries which can restrict blood flow to the brain, or break off and become lodged in a blood vessel – causing a stroke.

Procedure: The technologist applies an acoustic gel on your neck over the carotid arteries. A painless transducer will be moved around your neck to visualize the inside of the carotid arteries.

Preparation: No turtlenecks.

2 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

(Screening time: 10 minutes)

Purpose: Visualizes the existence of an aneurysm (enlargement) in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

Procedure: The technologist applies an acoustic gel on your abdomen and uses a painless instrument called a transducer to visualize the aorta.

Preparation: 5 hours fasting (no food or coffee)

3 Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

(Screening time: 10 minutes)

Purpose: Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities. Studies suggest an abnormal ABI may indicate peripheral arterial disease as well as a high risk of coronary heart disease.

Procedure: Blood pressure cuffs and a Doppler ultrasound probe are placed on your arms and ankles.

Preparation: Removal of shoes and socks (no pantyhose)

Also available: **4 – Screening test for Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heart rate)**
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New Blood Tests from Life Line Screening!

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This test checks your total cholesterol, HDL, LDL & triglycerides.

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Medical studies have shown that elevated levels of CRP increase a person's risk for cardiovascular disease.

SAMPLE PACKAGE PRICES:

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- (c) 3 Blood tests only (#6, 7, 8) . . . \$99
 (d) All 8 tests . . . \$229

Life Line Screening is dedicated to providing the highest quality imaging technology at an affordable rate. Our goal is to make people aware of a previously undetected health problem and encourage them to seek follow-up care with their physician. You will receive your results in the mail in 21 business days.

Insurance Note: At the present time, Medicare does not cover the cost of these screening services. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims. Visit our website at: www.lifelinescreening.com

Worship Team

Corner



by Diane Sell

"Leap of Faith" Youth Worship Team

will resume their singing this month by leading worship on Rally Sunday, weekend of Sept. 6-7! They will be introducing some new music this year that will prove to be inspiring and worshipful!

Please see the schedule below for practice dates and times.

Any questions? Please feel free to contact Diane Sell at the church. All 6th to 12th grade singers are welcome to sing!

"Leap of Faith" Band includes:

- Piano: Bob Goings
- Drums: Craig Cogdill and Daniel Raymond
- Lead Guitar: Ian Rosenstein
- Rhythm: JD Sell
- Bass: Sam Schaff
- Acoustic: Graham Harms and David Lerum

Rehearsal Schedule for September:

1. Thursday night, Sept. 4
 - † 6 pm LOF Band practice
 - † 7 pm LOF Worship team practice with Sound and VPU
2. Sunday Sept. 21 at
 - † 6:30pm in sanctuary all Worship team
3. Sunday Sept. 28
 - † at 6:30pm in sanctuary all Worship team



"Your Grace Is Enough"

New Opening Worship Song for September

Here's what people across the world are saying about this song that will be featured in our worship this month!

† "This is such an inspiring song. When I ponder the meaning of the song, I just feel lifted up in the Spirit. There is nothing much I can ask of the Lord but his grace." ~Fadzai from Zimbabwe, Africa.

† "This song lifts my spirit really high! Thank you, Matt, for saying YES to the Lord."

~Alenka from Slovenia

† "Love it... Wonderfully uplifting! Glorious Praise and Worship song to use through out the whole day!"

~pcp from Pleasanton, CA

Please note that we have taken the liberty to change a bit of the theology for our taste.

We have added: "We remember your people, remember your children, We remember Your promise O God..."

"Your Grace is Enough"

by: Matt Maher made popular by Chris Tomlin

Great is your faithfulness, O God;
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead me by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart

So, remember your people,
Remember your children,
Remember your promise, O God.

For your grace is enough.
Yeah, your grace is enough.
Yeah, your grace is enough.
Yeah, your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice, God;
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven's victory
And all your people sing along.

Won't you come and worship with us this month?

Drama Notes:

LifeSong musical for 6th-9th grades is underway...

Rehearsals begin! Sundays: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 4pm.

Bring a bag dinner, and we will eat and have devotions before our rehearsal begins. Rehearsals will be in the Sanctuary.

Special Note: Sunday, Sept. 7, kids will get scripts; we will have a read-through and talk about the show. We will learn some songs and meet our crews!

The Cast List will be posted on the board outside Diane's office by Wednesday, Sept. 3!

Kids in Christ (KICS 1-ACT play for 3rd-5th graders)

3rd thru 5th grade Youth—

† Keep your eyes peeled for more information to come about a One-Act play that Diane is writing just for you!

† Rehearsals will begin Dec. 3 and will run from 5-7pm. Production dates will be Feb. 6-7th!



The Youth @ the F.C.

by Brit Windel

Faith Community, it has been just over 10 weeks since I moved to Longmont and started working with this great staff and these amazing students. Before getting started with my portion of the newsletter, I would like to thank the Inskeep family for their hospitality for those first few weeks I was here and letting me stay with them.

We have had one busy summer: a mission trip to Blanding, Utah, with 68 students and 13 adults for a week of working on houses; constant trips to Elitches and Water World with vanloads of our students; a lock-in; two weddings and a few dinners with families thrown in there... and I think now I'm ready for the Fall program to begin!

I have to tell you I am extremely excited about our Wednesday Night lineup for children (pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade) and our high school students (9th Grade through 12th Grade). This Fall we will be working entirely on PRAYER. We will be taking the statement of Martin Luther, "Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart" and putting it into practice.

I have been praying about what God would really want His children taught. And as I was praying, the verse from Luke 11:1 where the Disciples say 'Teach us to pray' kept coming to mind. I believe today we have lost a lot of the beauty of prayer and the simplicity of it, as well. So during this Fall, we will be working with the children and

high school students to learn more about prayer; the why, the how, what kinds and whens in our daily life.

The program, Seeing God Through Prayer, will be using a more hands-on approach to experiencing prayer. For example: September is a month of Prayer through Silence. Students will learn about some of the great Bible characters that worshiped and experienced a connection to God through prayer by silence (so, yes, parents, I will be attempting to teach your children how to BE QUIET. Please be praying for me). To achieve this we will do a lot of centering prayers, where we try to distract the kids from praying and concentrating with music and things going on around them. The abstract lesson is that we must try to be still within ourselves, and sometimes, be quiet in order to hear God and even hear our own thoughts to pray to God.

I have talked with several parents about what we will be doing and they are really excited for their kids and want to be a part of that time, too. So during this Fall program, Seeing God Through Prayer, I want to invite everyone who wants to help and participate to come along. Any age is welcome, what we are doing and learning can be taught at the same level to anyone. As we call our church Faith Community, so we are sharing and growing our faith in community. Nothing embraces and fosters spiritual growth more than the sense of community, which I see on a day-to-day basis here at Faith. I feel prayer is one of the most basic aspects of our faith. I hope when you bring your children you'll find time to hang around and be a part of this time with us.

The Youth @ the F.C. (cont.)

Two things to write on your calendars for September and October

Sept. 24 is See You At the Pole (SYATP): a day of national prayer for teenagers who meet at their school flag poles at 6.30am to pray for their friends, school, teachers, churches, and government. I really want to promote this as we are going to be focusing on prayer this year

Oct. 12 is Family Concert Night: a night where we are inviting families and students to come along with Faith Community to a concert in Denver with the bands Third Day and Switchfoot. This is going to be an amazing night and we want to take tons of people. A sign up will be going up on the Youth Wall. Keep your ears open for info about ticket prices and when we will be leaving.

God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees

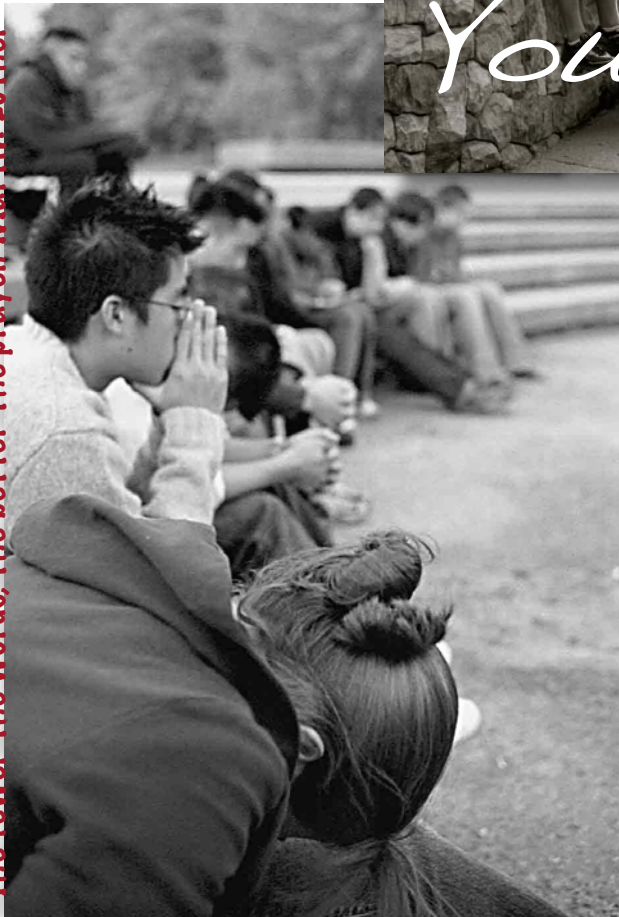
Grant that I may
not pray alone
with the mouth;
help me that I
may pray from
the depths of my
heart.
Martin Luther



and flowers, and clouds, and stars.

Martin Luther

The fewer the words, the better the prayer, Martin Luther



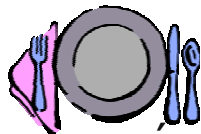
I have held many things in my
hands, and I have lost them all; but
whatever I have placed in God's
hands, that I still possess.
Martin Luther

Fellowship Happenings

Progressive Dinner, Saturday, Sept. 20

Adults, you won't want to miss the fun and fellowship of this great evening! Several members who live in Longmont have graciously volunteered to open their homes to us, so we will be able to keep our traveling between homes to a minimum! You will be able to sign up for all three legs – appetizers, dinner, and dessert or just those legs that work for you. Look for sign up sheets in the fellowship hall. Times will be as follows:

- * Appetizers – 5 – 6:30 pm
- * Dinner – 6:45 – 8 pm
- * Dessert – 8:15 pm



BON APPÉTIT

Dinner Groups are Forming Soon

- * Do you like to meet new people?
- * Do you like delicious food?
- * Do you enjoy great conversation?

It's just about that time of year when fellowship begins to form new dinner groups. If you are new to faith or have never joined a group, please consider doing so. This is a wonderful way to get to know a small group of people at FCLC.

What's involved? Fellowship will have you fill out a questionnaire about the type of group you'd like to join. Then, the members of the group decide how frequently to meet and where to meet. You could meet at a restaurant or each other's homes. When you meet at homes, one great way to handle the food is to have the host make the main course while the rest of the group fills in with appetizers, sides, and dessert.

How do I sign up? Look for sign-up forms at the end of the month – mid October.

If you'd like to help with the formation of the groups, please contact Sally Meier at sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or (303) 938-8680.

An Evening at the Theatre

Adults, mark you calendars now for a fun evening at the Boulder Dinner Theatre.



Mid-Life: The Crisis Musical points a finger and laughs at all the inevitable peculiarities that emerge with age. From reading glasses and mammograms, to weekend warriors and proctology exams – nothing's off-limits in this hilarious musical about aging...um...gracefully.

Parents please note: The art of aging "gracefully" often involves situations and language inappropriate for your children's eyes and ears. While *Mid-Life! The Crisis* musical promises to make you laugh, it will most likely prompt questions from your little ones. With this information in mind, *Mid-Life!* is rated PG-13.

When: Oct. 26, Sunday, 6:15pm
– show starts at 7pm

Where: Boulder Dinner Theatre,
5501 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder

Prices: \$40 - \$33; you pick the seat

What: includes show, dinner, bottomless beverages (coffee, tea, or soda), 18 percent dinner gratuity and sales tax.

A Fellowship representative will be in the Fellowship Hall between services with the seating chart; pick your seats and pay then. For any questions, please contact Pam Lind (303) 684-0808 lind1989@msn.com
Final count is due to the theater on Sept. 19.
Sign up soon.

For those of you who can't attend or would like theatre without the dinner, another opportunity is coming this spring: Longmont Theater Company's *Once upon a Mattress* is playing in February and March for only \$14.





Are You or Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, depression, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis.

If you, or someone you know, are hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Julie Baas (303) 772-4995 or Stephanie Mason (970) 744-0084. They can tell you how we can connect you or someone you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's distinctively Christian. It's confidential. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

~Stephanie Mason



WEEKEND TO REMEMBER marriage conference

Even the best marriage needs nourishment to keep it growing. And for 30 years, the Weekend to Remember conference has been showing couples how to make a relationship blossom. With Biblical truths and practical tools to help you understand the keys to a successful marriage, Weekend to Remember is an experience you'll never forget. www.familylife.com/weekend
For more info, dates and group discount code, contact Susan Moller, (303) 776-8771, sue@fcllc.org



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Featuring: Nicole Johnson, Nicole C. Mullen, Louise DuArt, Sandi Patty, Patsy Clairmont, Mandisa, Sheila Walsh, Marilyn Meberg.

We have reserved the press box again...Ahhhh, room to spread out!

Please reserve your spot ASAP by calling or emailing Laurel Schemmel, (303) 678-0715, Lmschemm@forethought.net

Please call or email soon as the conference is sneaking up on us fast!

Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality

A commented outline

As I began writing, I was at wits-end trying to figure out how to write dispassionately on the Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality. The document, 45 double-spaced pages, is not what I would call a “page turner.” The document is well structured and “cries out” for comment. The following commented outline, extracted from the document, contains the major sections (**bolded** Roman Numerals), the subsections (solid dots followed by *italicized* text), and the “called out” comments within each major section or sub-section (indented dashes). Reading this article provides only a “high level” view of the document. I encourage everyone reading this article to read the entire draft social statement. I also encourage each reader to join our discussion group that will meet at 6 pm on Sept. 10, 17, and 24.

I. Introduction

- This social statement addresses the question: What does it mean for us as sexual creatures to love our neighbors as ourselves and thus fulfill God’s law of love in this time and society?
- God has lovingly created all humans as sexual – and therefore, relational – beings.

II. Theological and ethical foundations for understanding sexuality

- How shall Christians understand what it means to be faithful in the sexual dimension of our lives so that we may learn to please God and benefit the neighbor in all ways?
- *Incarnation, justification, and serving the neighbor*
 - In God’s actions of creation, incarnation, and promise for resurrection of the dead, we know our bodies to be valued by God and included in the promised restoration of creation.
 - We live within the paradox that in our sexuality, as in other aspects of life, we always will find both our own sinfulness and God’s grace.
- *Sexual ethics shaped by God’s mercy and compassion*
 - Because God is compassionate and merciful with us, we are called to be compassionate and merciful with each other.
 - God’s rescuing mercy, which frees us from sin, does not imply that how we live does not matter.
 - This ethic is more about directing us to find a responsible place for sexuality in the service of God’s ongoing activity in the world than about containing the ambiguous power of sex. Reluctant to judge on the basis of our own righteousness, we are bold to construct social, political, and community practices that will build trustworthy relationships.
- *Living as people of hope*
 - As sexual beings freed by Christ through God’s merciful and saving grace to serve our neighbor, we are called to live boldly as people of hope in relationships and in the world.

- ...Christians pursue an ethic that seeks to anticipate in the present those values integral to God’s promised future. This is at the heart of our witness.

• *Scripture and moral discernment*

- We live, then, anticipating God’s future by seeking to improve relationships in this world, making it a more trustworthy place to live.
- Lutherans understand that Scripture sometimes can be abused and misunderstood through selective use as a moral guide.

III. Sexuality as part of God’s creative activity

- *The complexity of individual sexuality*
 - Body, mind, and spirit can be distinguished but not separated within the human being...
 - Sexual love – the complex interplay of longing, erotic attraction, and self-giving – is a wondrous gift, but does not by itself constitute a moral justification for sexual behavior.
- *The social character of sexuality*
 - ...we must appreciate the profound influence of social forces and social contexts on human sexual behavior.

IV. Trust at the heart of faith active in love

- The creation and maintenance of trust are both the foundation of healthy personhood and the building blocks for healthy relationships between individuals.
- *Strong families: a ground and source of trust*
 - Families must be regarded as an indispensable social institution because of their role in the establishing conditions of trust and protecting the vulnerable.
 - The central issue is whether a family performs the indispensable personal and social tasks that families are intended to accomplish.
 - This church commits itself to continued attention to and discernment about changing family configurations and how they serve to shelter and protect relationships.
- *Protecting children and youth in and for trusting relationships*
 - Sexual exploitation in any situation, either personally or commercially, inside or outside legally contracted marriage, is sinful because it is destructive of God’s good gift [of sexuality] and human integrity.
 - This church regards the over-exposure of emotionally maturing children and teens to adult sexuality as a failing on the part of adults and society.
 - This church must give particular attention to how youth are supported, nurtured, and accompanied in their sexual and relational formation.
- *Sexuality and self*

- This church teaches that caring for the body and following practices that lead to physical and emotional wellness is a good thing.
- Because we are all sexual creatures, friendship relations do have a sexual dimension in so far as they are related to our longing for human connection and the privilege and warmth of human touch.
- *Gender and friendships*
 - Communities of faithfulness both enable us to appreciate and respect the needs and desires of others and uphold us in the sometimes costly responsibility of keeping promises.
- *Commitment and sexuality*
 - For this reason, this church teaches that degrees of physical intimacy should be carefully matched to degrees of affection and commitment.
- *Marriage*
 - Christians understand marriage as a covenant of commitment and hope requiring constant care and cultivation. It is a covenant that protects the creation and nurturing of mutual trust and love as a foundation of human community.
- *Relationships involving intimate sexual relations outside of marriage*
 - The deepest human longings [are] for a sense of personal worth, long-term companionship, and profound security, however, require binding commitments as the condition for any measure of satisfying fulfillment.
- *Same-gender committed relationships*
- *The necessity of mercy, always*
 - This church upholds all its members who are single. It encourages them in trustful and trustworthy lives. It respects those who choose

singleness as a way of life.

V. Social trust and common good

- The development of social trust must be a central concern for Christians who seek the good of the neighbor in the pursuit of justice and the common good through civil law.
- As this church and its members engage the remarkable, sometimes liberating, and yet troubling changes of the past several decades related to human sexuality, careful thought must be given to which changes enhance and which erode social trust.
- *Our calling to establish the kind of social trust the world urgently needs*
- *Our calling to confront collective distrust and idolatry as a source of harm*
 - This church therefore notes with grave concern the public commodification of the body as an economic asset.
 - This church must speak out against all that systematically undermines efforts to raise healthy children and build solid marriages and trusting relationships. This church must insist that the existence of a market is not a sufficient moral basis to use it.
 - The long-standing concerns of this church for social justice and the protection of the vulnerable should guide its teachings and practices in relation to sexuality.
- *The mission and ministry of this church*

VI. Conclusion

- Because of God's embrace of all the creation in Christ, we are a people set free for lives of responsibility aimed at seeking the good of the neighbor. Following Jesus, we discern what this responsibility means in terms of human sexuality.

Ed Broestl

God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

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Mission Verse

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Message of Good News to the
poor, Sent me to announce
pardon of prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and
battered free, to announce,
"This is God's year to act!"

Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:**

- * Bible-centered
- * Prayer-centered
- * Worship-centered with blended
styles of music
- * Kid-Friendly
- * Visitor-Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood
of Believers
- * A Model of "First Fruits Giving"
(to various outreach projects)